(e) whether his Ministry would consider to increase the amount under this head in the next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Central Railway conducted the Preliminary Engineering-Cum-Traffic Survey for running suburban trains between Kurla and Mahul and submitted its report in the month of December, 2003.

(c) No such provision has been made.

(d) A provision of Rs. 63.86 crore was made for the various facilities for suburban passengers on all the suburban stations of both Central and Western Railway in the last five years.

(e) It would depend upon the requirement and availability of resources.

Extension of rail routes

1920. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether extension of rail routes has been finalized for the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) the total length of rail routes extended during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(d) the rail route extended to the State of Himachal Pradesh during the said period; and

(e) the amount spent on extension of rail routes during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) In the first four years of Tenth Five Year Plan i.e. from 2002-03 to 2005-06, 675 kms. of new rail line has been completed. During the year 2006-07, 550 kms. of new rail line is targeted for completion.

(c) During Ninth Five Year Plan, 662 kms. of new rail line had been completed.

(d) Nothing was added in Ninth Plan in Himachal Pradesh.

(e) An amount of Rs. 2925 crore had been spent on new line during Ninth Plan period.